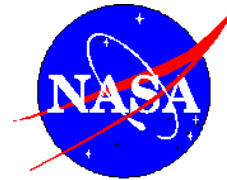


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Things are Looking Up at the NASA Visitor Center

Eyes will focus upward this weekend as the NASA Visitor Center at Wallops Island host a star party on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The day's events kick-off at 1 p.m. with "Stars in the Sky." Children will create star posters and learn how to recognize some of the better-known constellations. Parents are encouraged to attend this 30-minute program.

At 3 p.m. the attention will focus on "Our Star the Sun." The Sun is approaching solar max and the number of sunspots is increasing. Take a peek through the Visitor Center telescope and find out how many sunspots are visible. The telescope is equipped with a solar filter allowing safe viewing of the Sun.

As the Sun sets, the telescope will focus on the "Evening Sky" from 6 to 10 p.m. Watch the stars become visible as the night sky settles in. Find the circumpolar constellations and get a closer view of stars and planets through the telescope. If you have your own telescope, bring it along.

The 3 and 6 p.m. events will be canceled if it is raining or overcast skies.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday. It will be closed Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, Va. Admission to the Visitor Center and all programs is free. For further information, call (757) 824-2298.

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